UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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Plaintiff,

ORDER OF

SETTLEMENT OF

ATTORNEY'S FEES, **EXPENSES, AND COSTS** 

STIPULATION AND

12 Civ. 4226 (KPF)

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, SERGEANT MICHAEL O'CONNOR, AND POLICE OFFICERS MICHAEL PERCY AND ANTHONY BRUNO,

Defendants.

WHEREAS, plaintiff Jody Rucks commenced this action by filing a complaint on or about May 29, 2012, alleging that defendants City of New York, Michael O'Connor, Michael Percy, and Anthony Bruno violated his federal civil and state common law rights; and

WHEREAS, all defendants deny any and all liability arising out of plaintiff's allegations; and

WHEREAS, plaintiff's counsel represents that plaintiff has assigned all of his rights to attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs to his counsel, Gerald Cohen, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, counsel for defendants and counsel for plaintiff now desire to resolve the issue of attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs without further proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned, the attorneys of record for the respective parties to the abovecaptioned action, as follows:

1. Defendant City of New York hereby agrees to pay plaintiff's counsel, Gerald Cohen, Esq., the total sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$350,000.00) Dollars in full satisfaction of plaintiff's claims for attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs. In consideration for the payment of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$350,000.00) Dollars, counsel for plaintiff agrees to release and discharge defendants City of New York, Michael O'Connor, Michael Percy, and Anthony Bruno; their successors or assigns; and all past and present officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the City of New York or any entity represented by the Office of the Corporation Counsel, from any and all claims of attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs that were or could have been alleged in the aforementioned action.

- 2. Counsel for plaintiff hereby agrees and represents that no other claims for attorneys' fees, expenses, or costs arising out of this action shall be made by or on behalf of plaintiff in any application for attorneys' fees, expenses, or costs at any time.
- 3. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to be an admission by the defendants that they have in any manner or way violated plaintiff's rights, or the rights of any other person or entity, as defined in the constitutions, statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations of the United States, the State of New York, or the City of New York or any other rules or regulations of any department or subdivision of the City of New York. This stipulation shall not be admissible in, nor is it related to, any other litigation or settlement negotiations, except to enforce the terms of this agreement.
- 4. This Stipulation and Order contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by counsel for defendants and counsels for plaintiff hereto, and no oral agreement entered into at any time nor any written agreement entered into prior to the execution of this Stipulation and Order regarding the subject matter of attorneys' fees, expenses, or costs shall be deemed to exist, or to bind the parties hereto, or to vary the terms and conditions contained herein.

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Dated: May 1, 2015

New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE